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SUBJ: ECLA: 17TH SESSION: RESOLUTION ON THE REGIONAL POPULATION
PROGRAM

1. FOLLOWING RESOLUTION HAS BEEN PROPOSED:

2. "DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE REGIONAL POPULATION PROGRAMME

2. "THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA

4. "RECALLING THAT CONCERN WITH POPULATION PROBLEMS
HAS ALWAYS BEEN A FEATURE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED
NATIONS, AS WITNESS THE FACT THAT THE POPULATION COMISSION OF
THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL WAS SET UP AS LONG AGO AS 1948;

5. "LIKEWISE RECALLING THAT SUCH ACTIVITIES HAVE CON-
TRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE PROGRESSIVE AWARENESS OF THE NATURE
OF POPULATION DYNAMICS IN THE WORLD OF TODAY AND THE DISCUSSION
OF THE DETERMINANTS AND CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH DYNAMICS AS REGARDS
THE ACHIEVEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES;

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6. "THE STRESSING THAT THE WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF
ACTION ADOPTED AT THE UNITED NATIONS WORLD POPULATION CON-
FERENCE HELD IN BUCHAREST REPRESENTS A BASIC CONSENSUS OF
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ON THE IMPORTANCE OF POPULATION
TRENDS FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE CRUCIAL
ROLE PLAYED BY DEVELOPMENT IN INFLUENCING SUCH TRENDS;

7. "REAFFIRMING THAT THE HARMONIZATION OF POPULATION TRENDS WITH ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PRESUPPOSES THE EXISTENCE OF INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT, WHICH CANNOT BE ACHIEVED THROUGH PARTIAL EFFORTS IN PARTICULAR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY OR THE SOCIAL SYSTEM, BUT ONLY THROUGH CONCERTED PROGRESS IN ALL ASPECTS, AS STATED IN THE FIRST REGIONAL APPRAISAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, ADOPTED IN RESOLUTION 320 (XV) OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA;

8. "CONSIDERING THAT THE SECOND REGIONAL APPRAISAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, ADOPTED IN RESOLUTION 347 (XVI) OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA, LINKS POPULATION GROWTH TRENDS, POPULATION SETTLEMENT PATTERNS AND INTERNAL AND INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION WITH VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT VIEWED FROM THE STANDPOINT OF INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT;

9. "BEARING IN MIND RESOLUTION 346 (AC.68), PARAGRAPH 12, ADOPTED AT THE TENTH EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF CEPAL (MAR 1975);

10. "NOTING THAT IT IS NOW NECESSARY, IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN THIS INTEGRATION AND ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF THE WORK OF CELADE, TO CONSOLIDATE THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THAT AGENCY WITHIN THE REGULAR BUDGET OF CEPAL;

11. "HAVING TAKEN NOT OF THE REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF CELADE AND OF THE CONTENTS OF THE REGIONAL
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POPULATION PROGRAMME FOR THE BIENNIUM 1977-1978 WHICH HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED TO THAT AGENCY;

12. "BEARING IN MIND THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF CEPAL WILL CONVENE A SPECIALIZED MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF HIGH-LEVEL GOVERNMENT EXPERTS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTIONS 357 (XVI) AND 360 (XVI),

13. "DECIDES:

14. "1. TO INCORPORATE THE BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE OF CELADE INTO THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF CEPAL, UNDER THE DIRECT AUTHORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE CONTINUOUS CONDUCT OF CEPAL ACTIVITIES IN POPULATION MATTERS, AND TO REQUEST THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT THIS INFRASTRUCTURE CAN COME UNDER THE REGULAR BUDGET OF CEPAL AS FROM 1978;

15 "2. TO RECOMMEND TO THE COMMITTEE OF HIGH-LEVEL GOVERNMENT EXPERTS THAT, AT THE SPECIALIZED MEETING TO BE CONVENED BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF CEPAL, IT SHOULD DEVISE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO EMBARK ON A SUSTAINED EXAMINATION OF MATTERS RELATING TO POPULATION IN THE REGION WITH A VIEW TO APPRAISING AND SUGGESTING ACTION FOR THE HARMONIZATION OF POPULATION DYNAMICS WITH ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AS IT APPLIES TO LATIN AMERICA AND IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION;

16. "3. TO EXPRESS ITS GRATITUDE TO THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES (UNFPA) AND TO OTHER INTERNATIONAL FINANCING ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ARE SUPPORTING CELADE, AND

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17. "4. TO URGE UNFPA TO EXTEND ITS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CEPAL'S REGIONAL POPULATION ACTIVITIES, TO ADJUST IT TO INCREASES DUE TO INFLATION AND TO THE NEW AND WIDER RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH CEPAL HAS TO DISCHARGE IN THIS FIELD AS A RESULT OF THE DECISIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS OF GOVERNMENTS. END QUOTE.

18. USDEL UNAWARE OF ANY REASON WHY US CANNOT JOIN CONSENSUS. HOWEVER, WE ARE UNCLEAR ON IMPLICATIONS OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE ASAP.
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